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Philly is bracing for the Eagles' victory parade through Center City Thursday, which is expected to shutter offices, pack the streets and clog SEPTA's various modes of transit to max capacity. Luckily, some subway service will be free, but you still better get there early. The parade will also be the latest in a long line of Philadelphia's recent victories and may be a sign of the city's ongoing good luck. Read more on pages 4 and 5 and at **metrophilly.us.**

REPORT: TRUMP WANTS MILITARY PARADE IN DC

President Donald Trump has ordered Pentagon and White House officials to begin planning a military parade in Washington similar to the Bastille Day parade he witnessed in Paris in July, the Washington Post reported on Tuesday. At a meeting at the Pentagon on Jan. 18 that included Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Joseph Dunford, Trump said he wanted a military parade, the Post reported, citing a military official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The marching orders were: I want a parade like the one in France," the military official said, according to the Post. After the Post published its story, the White House issued a statement that said Trump "has asked the Department of Defense to explore a celebration at which all Americans can show their appreciation."

AMTRAK TRAIN BREAKS APART AT 125 MPH

2 A high-speed Boston-bound Amtrak train broke apart while traveling at 125 mph through Maryland on Tuesday morning, Amtrak said. "Earlier this morning, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Acela Express train 2150 traveling from Washington, D.C., to Boston experienced a mechanical issue when two of the train's cars separated," Amtrak said in a statement. "There were approximately 52 passengers aboard who were transferred to Northeast Regional Train 180. There were no reported injuries to customers or crew. We are currently investigating the cause of the car separation, inspecting every Acela trainset and taking any necessary actions to prevent a reoccurrence." An image shared on social media showed the disconnected train cars. On Sunday, an Amtrak train struck a freight train parked on the tracks in South Carolina, killing two. NIKKI M. MASCALI

SPACEX LAUNCHES FIRST HEAVY LIFT ROCKET IN DEMONSTRATION MISSION

3 The SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket lifts off from launch pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The rocket is the most powerful rocket in the world and is carrying a Tesla Roadster into orbit.

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TRUMP SAYS HE WOULD 'LOVE' A SHUTDOWN

4 President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he would "love" to see another government shutdown as Republicans and Democrats in Congress worked to reach a budget deal that would prevent federal agencies from having to close their doors this week. As lawmakers in Congress closed in on a bipartisan budget deal that could end months of budget uncertainty, Trump threatened to upend the discussions by insisting that any spending package would have to include changes to immigration laws — the very issue that led to a three-day shutdown last month. "I'd love to see a shutdown if we don't get this stuff taken care of," he said at the White House. The White House later clarified that it did not expect the budget deal to include specifics on immigration. Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate say they are close to an agreement.

CONGRESS MAY BE PUSHED ON VIRTUAL CURRENCIES

5 U.S. regulators may ask Congress to pass legislation to improve oversight of virtual currencies like bitcoin amid concerns about the risks posed by the emerging asset class, the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission said on Tuesday. The comments by SEC Chairman Jay Clayton before the Senate Banking Committee are the strongest indication yet that federal authorities are mulling new laws to scrutinize virtual currency trading and investing. "We may be back with our friends from Treasury and the Fed to ask for additional legislation," Clayton said when asked whether Congress needed to act on virtual currencies. The hearing followed a rout in the price of bitcoin, which has lost about half its value this year on concerns ranging from a global regulatory clampdown to a ban by some banks on using credit cards to buy bitcoin.

'Knuckleheads' needn't come to the Super Bowl parade, says Mayor Kenney

Fans celebrate in Center City after the Eagles defeated the New England Patriots to win Super Bowl LII on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Obviously, Philadelphians know how to party. But Mayor Jim Kenney has a message for overzealous Eagles fans ahead of Thursday's big parade.

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The city of Philadelphia is rightfully getting excited to celebrate the Eagles epic Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots at a parade Thursday, but the mayor wants debaucherous party animals to stay home.

As details about Thursday's Eagles Super Bowl victory parade emerged Tuesday, Mayor Jim Kenney said the city was expecting a crowd that topped the 2008 Phillies parade. As with any massive public event, crowd control is a concern.

"Knuckleheads should stay home," Kenney said of Thursday's parade, according to NBC Sports.

Though it wasn't immediately clear what constituted a "knucklehead," it's fair to assume law enforcement will have their eyes open for any illegal or dangerous activity.

After the Eagles Super Bowl win Sunday, thousands of Eagles fans erupted with joy on the streets of Philadelphia. The mania led to some questionable acts, like one man who dropped to his knees at the urging of a crowd and stuck his face in a pile of horse feces, eating it. That incident was caught on video.

A Ritz-Carlton awning collapsed after more than a dozen people climbed atop it, and several storefront windows were broken. That incident was also captured on camera.

Kenney didn't hold back about Sunday's "knucklehead behavior" either, saying in a radio interview that multiple people were hurt after falling from light poles "like idiots."

GREEN MAN

'Green man' spotted among Eagles fans looting gas station after Super Bowl

The wild celebrations that filled Philadelphia with thousands of Eagles fans from South to Vine streets after Sunday's Super Bowl have attracted worldwide attention for their size and some of the more violent antics of some fans.

New police surveillance video from a Sunoco gas station at Broad and Catharine streets in South Philly around 12:30 a.m. on Monday shows dozens of individuals break in and loot the store openly while trashing it.

Now surveillance video featuring their smiling faces has been released by Philly police in a bid to bring to justice some of those who took part.

But one of the fans in the store won't be identified: Green Man, the green spandex-clad character made famous in "Always Sunny in Philadelphia" by actor Charlie Day.

Green Man was spotted with a group of looters at a Sunoco. PPD

During the video, in which law-abiding customers can be seen continuing to line up at the register even as other sports fans openly rob the store, a fan in a Green Man outfit is spotted wandering into the Sunoco and looking sadly at the mess where a violent football fan has knocked over the rack of potato chips.

Anyone with information on the incident is being asked to call 215.686.TIPS (8477) or text a tip to PPDTIP (773847). SAM NEWHOUSE

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Free subway rides and service changes announced for Eagles parade on Thursday

City maps out transit and route logistics for celebration of Super Bowl championship.

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What's the best way to get to Philadelphia for the Eagles victory parade?

If you don't want to pay a dime, you can hop on the Broad Street and Market-Frankford Lines, both of which will be free all day Thursday.

Independence Blue Cross is sponsoring free SEPTA service all day in celebration of the Eagles to help fans get into the city to see the parade — which follows a route that closely corresponds with some of that train service for the 3 miles or so it will run up Broad Street.

It's just one of the benefits to fall on Philly since the storied Eagles 41-33 Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots.

"It's nice to be a winner, after not being a winner for so long," Mayor Jim Kenney said at a press conference Tuesday to announce details for the parade.

Kenney was optimistic that Thursday's parade will be more peaceful than the spontaneous Sunday night celebrations that saw some serious property damage in Center City, and said overall, fans have been peaceful.

The parade begins at Broad and Pattison in South Philly at 11 a.m., and proceeds to City Hall and the Art Museum for a ceremony on the steps beside the Rocky statue at 1 p.m.

It will run about 90 minutes, and the city is hoping most fans will continue to peacefully celebrate.

If you want to see anything on the Art Museums steps, you'd better get there early.

For those of the estimated million-plus Eagles fans who don't get there in time, 14 Jumbotrons will line the Parkway, from Eakins Oval to City Hall, the City said.

In addition to free transit on two subways, SEPTA is planning to maximize service on all its other lines, with as many vehicles and staff as possible.

The city is treating the parade day as a major holiday. Trash pickup will be suspended, and traffic closures will be put in places all along the parade route.

Residents can sign up for text alerts about the parade by texting ReadyEagles to 888-777.

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The Eagles exit their plane on Monday holding the Lombardi Trophy, a day after winning the Super Bowl. JENNIFER KERRIGAN

POLITICS

Republicans join Democrats' stand against Trump's 'treasonous' claims

Some Republican lawmakers joined their Democratic colleagues Tuesday in criticizing President Donald Trump for labeling them as "treasonous" and "un-American" in response to the cold reception they gave him during his State of the Union address last week.

"Well, that borders on divisive," the second-most powerful Democrat in the Senate, Dick Durbin, told reporters in a purposefully understated tone.

Speaking at a manufacturing plant in Ohio on Monday, the Republican president said Democrats "would rather see Trump do badly than our country do well."

"They were like death and un-American," he said of Democrats who sat stone-faced, robed in black in solidarity with victims of sexual misconduct, as he heralded the economy's achievements in his address a week ago to a joint session of Congress.

"Somebody said 'treasonous.' I mean, eh. I guess, why not? Can we call that treason? Why not?" he said.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said the remarks on treason — an offense punishable by death — were offered as tongue-in-cheek.

"The president was obviously joking. But what's serious is the Democrats seem to put their personal hatred for this president above their desire to see America succeed," he said in a statement.

"Treason is not a punch line, Mr. President. Applause is approval of an idea, not loyalty to one's country," said Sen. Jeff Flake, a Republican who frequently reproaches Trump and his policies, in a blistering attack on the Senate floor Tuesday.

Even Rep. Mark Meadows, a leading conservative, took issue with Trump's comments. "Certainly saying that someone's un-American because of their unwillingness to clap is not something that most Americans would agree with," he said on CNN. REUTERS

SEPTA preps for thousands of riders

SEPTA is maxing out service options for the expected masses of people coming to the parade, General Manager Jeffrey Knueppel said at a press conference Tuesday morning.

"It's kind of going to be like an all-day rush hour," Knueppel said, who added that the city will be better prepared than it was during the 2008 Phillies World Series parade, which he acknowledged was not handled well.

The city is expecting around 2.2 million people for Thursday's festivities, he said.

Knueppel expects SEPTA to be transporting roughly half a million people. Trains on the Market-Frankford and Broad Street lines will be free and be running every five to seven minutes all day.

Each line is expected to transport some 30,000 people an hour at peak times.

There will be increased services across all modes of transit, but there will be some restrictions.

Instead of special event-specific tickets, like the pope passed for the World Meeting of Families, Knueppel will be accepting regular weekly and monthly Trailpasses and sell some 50,000 Independence Passes for $10 apiece, which will be accepted all day.

Those will be the only tickets available to access SEPTA, a step the city took to control the number of riders, Knueppel said.

"We're trying to make this so there's a reasonable chance you're going to make it if you come in on SEPTA," he said.

City Hall, Fifth Street, University City and Temple University stations will be closed, with more to possibly be added, all to prevent overcrowding.

"It's kind of going to be like an all-day rush hour."

General Manager Jeffrey Knueppel

The Chestnut Hill West and Bala Cynwyd Regional Rail lines will be canceled.

Due to running at maximum capacity all day, Regional Rail service will end at 9 p.m. to give SEPTA time to turn around equipment for Friday morning's rush hour, Knueppel said.

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Eagles' victory parade is latest honor in Philly's resurgence

The Eagles' Super Bowl trophy is the latest in long line of wins for Philly.

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For Mayor Jim Kenney, seeing the Eagles win the Super Bowl was like overcoming years of defeat.

"It's almost like so many generations of people had passed on hoping there'd be a Super Bowl, that they were somehow in heaven in a tailgate urging this team on to victory," Kenney said. "I want to thank them for bringing us joy — a lot of heartache, but a lot of joy."

Moving on from heartache sounds like a change the Eagles' win may help inspire across the city.

Philly was once the "workshop of the world," the cradle of liberty, the birthplace of the revolution and the origin of the Declaration of Independence. Its fortunes, though, have certainly fallen far since those days.

But the Eagles 41-33 Super Bowl victory on Sunday symbolizes for residents a bigger victory than just an underdog football team taking home the Lombardi Trophy. It's the latest achievement on a national stage for Philly.

In recent years, Philadelphia has hosted Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families in September 2015, the Democratic National Convention in July 2016 and the NFL Draft in April 2017.

What does it all mean?
Well, it definitely bodes well for Philly's odds in the race to host Amazon's HQ2, the company's second domestic headquarters. Most industrial observers say the company, currently based in Seattle, wants to open offices on the East Coast, and Philadelphia has made Amazon's shortlist of the top 20 potential locations.

The city has problems.
Median incomes languish in the mid 30,000s, according to 2011 Census results.

The city has a 6 percent unemployment rate, and 25 percent of the city lives below the poverty line, the highest of any big city in the U.S.

Philadelphia had 317 homicides in 2017 (more than New York City, which had 290 homicides and has a population of 8 million, compared to Philly's 1.5 million).

In 2016, the CDC found that the city had the fourth-highest per-capita fatal opioid overdose rate in the country, the highest of any large city.

Despite these nagging issues, the homicide rate and crime problems have dropped to overall historic lows in recent years, while the local economy and real estate market have begun to regain strength.

Philly's future is definitely brighter than its past.
When an estimated 2.2 million Eagles fans from the Delaware Valley region and surrounding states come to Philly to attend the Eagles' victory parade, they won't just be celebrating the Eagles. They'll be celebrating the growth and bright future of all of Philadelphia.

Philly hosted thousands to see Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families in 2015, pictured, and the Eagles' victory parade may be even larger. MATTHEW LEISTER

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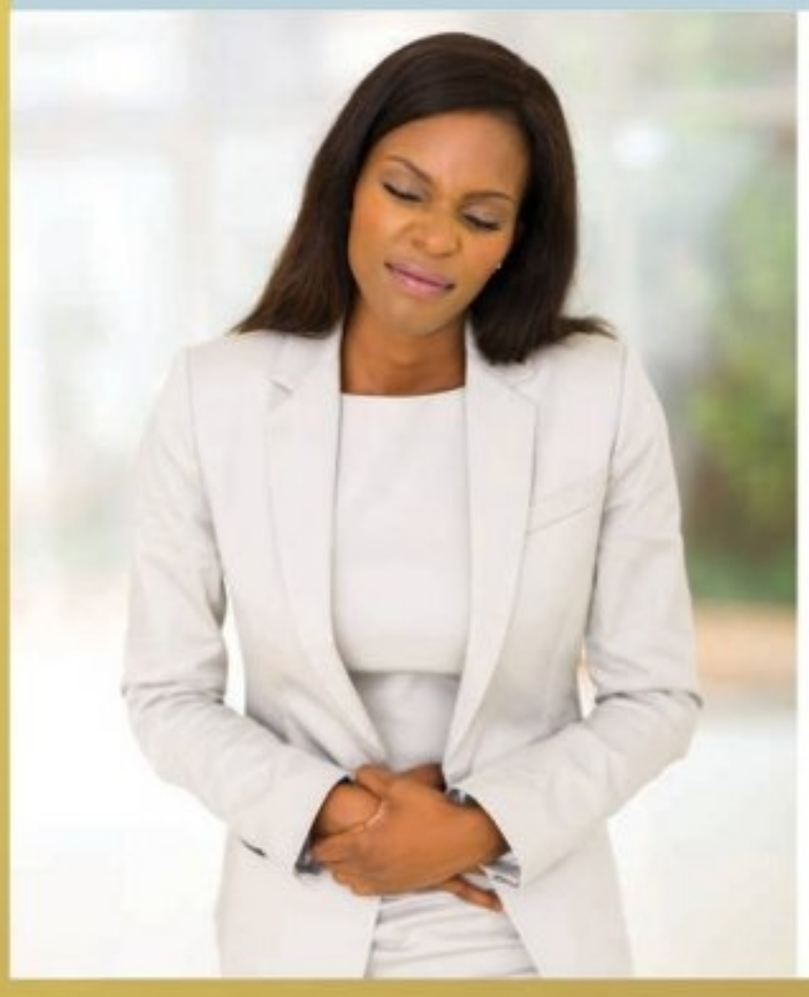

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Carson Wentz proposes to girlfriend days after Super Bowl victory

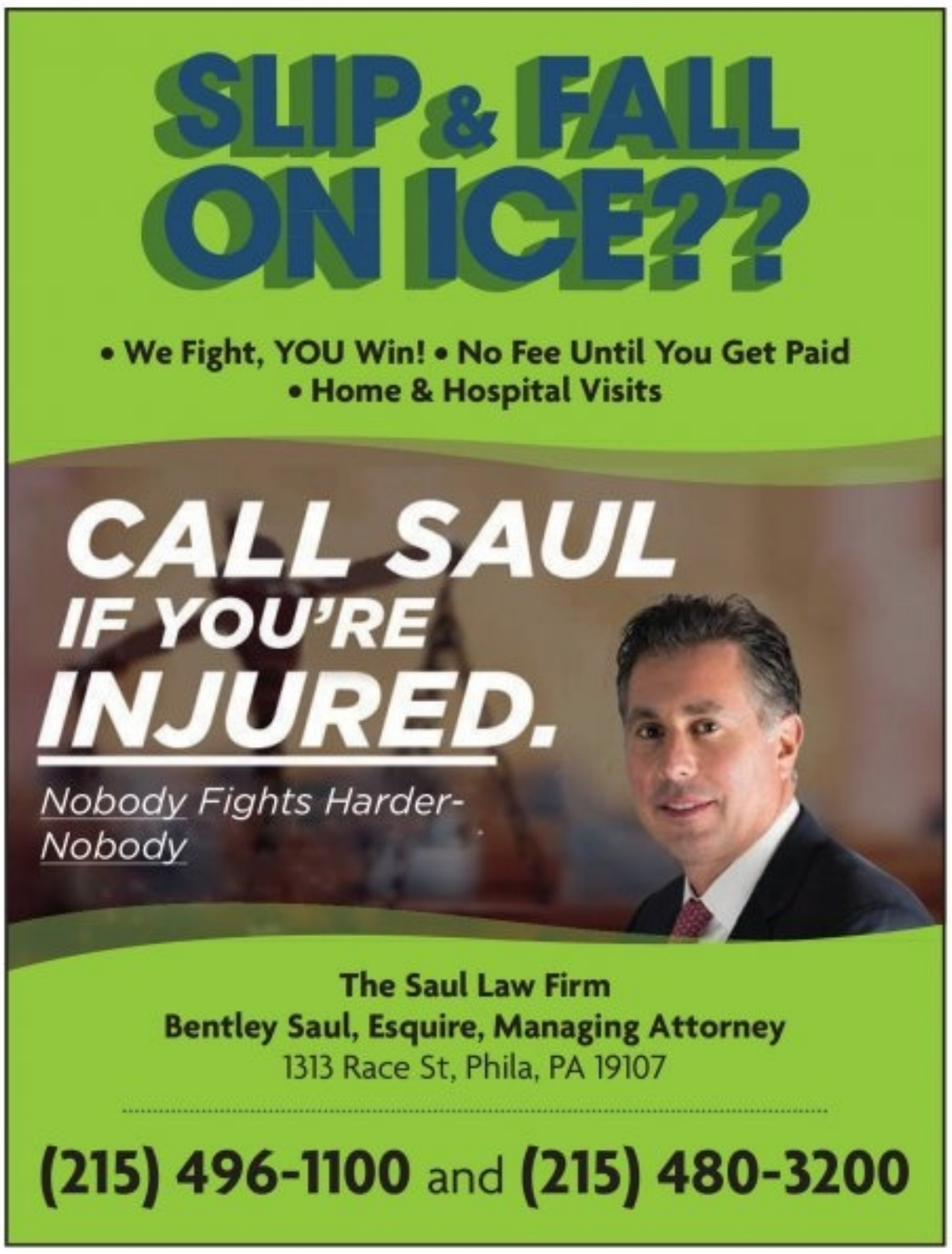
The happy couple during the proposal. VIA TWITTER/CJ_WENTZ

Carson Wentz's week just got even better.

The Eagles player proposed to his girlfriend, Madison Oberg, and according to his enthusiastic social media photos, it went well. Wentz shared the news around 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, via Twitter.

"She said YES! And now Maddie and I both got us a ring ... can't wait to marry my best friend! God is doing some amazing things and I can't thank him enough!" Wentz wrote on Twitter.

The big moment came just two days after Wentz's team, the Philadelphia Eagles, won the Super Bowl by beating the New England Patriots 41-33. The Eagles quarterback hasn't played since he tore his ACL in a game against the Rams on Dec. 10, 2017, however, he still has a Super Bowl right thanks to Sunday's big win. MORGAN ROUSSEAU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Researchers at Oxford looked at close to 48,000 Facebook and 14,000 Twitter accounts that have a tendency to post false information. GETTY IMAGES

New Oxford study shows right wing shares more fake news

Researchers analyzed nearly 48,000 Facebook and 14,000 Twitter accounts that post politically charged content.

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President Trump constantly criticizes media outlets for publishing fake news, but according to a study from the University of Oxford, extreme right-wing conservatives share more fake news stories across social media channels.

The research comes from the University of Oxford's "computational propaganda project," which examines how "junk news" is shared across social-media channels. Particularly, Oxford examines how news articles were shared on Facebook and Twitter three months before President Trump's first State of the Union address in January. The study aims to uncover who shares certain types of political articles and why.

TWITTER

In the 90 days leading to Trump's State of the Union address, researchers looked at close to 48,000 Facebook and 14,000 Twitter accounts that have a tendency to post false information from sites known for publishing misinformation.

According to the team's analysis, there was "limited overlap" between what kinds of news stories Democrats and Republicans are sharing. Their research indicates Democrats engage more with mainstream media sources, while the Republicans are more aligned with conservative media groups.

Researchers found that Trump supporters on Twitter share "the widest range of known junk news sources and circulates more junk news than all the other groups put together." On Facebook, "extreme, hard-right pages — distinct from Republican pages — share the widest range of known junk news sources and circulate more junk news than all the other audiences put together."

According to Oxford, algorithms on social media networks can be used to distribute political content and misinformation. Their analysis shows that personalized algorithms that determine what you see in your newsfeeds known as "filter bubbles" contribute to the spreading of propaganda, fake news and other forms of misinformation.

Although Facebook announced it is changing its algorithms to make sure trustworthy news sites are prioritized, it is almost certain that news organizations or individuals with strong political influence will find ways to get their content consumed by viewers online.

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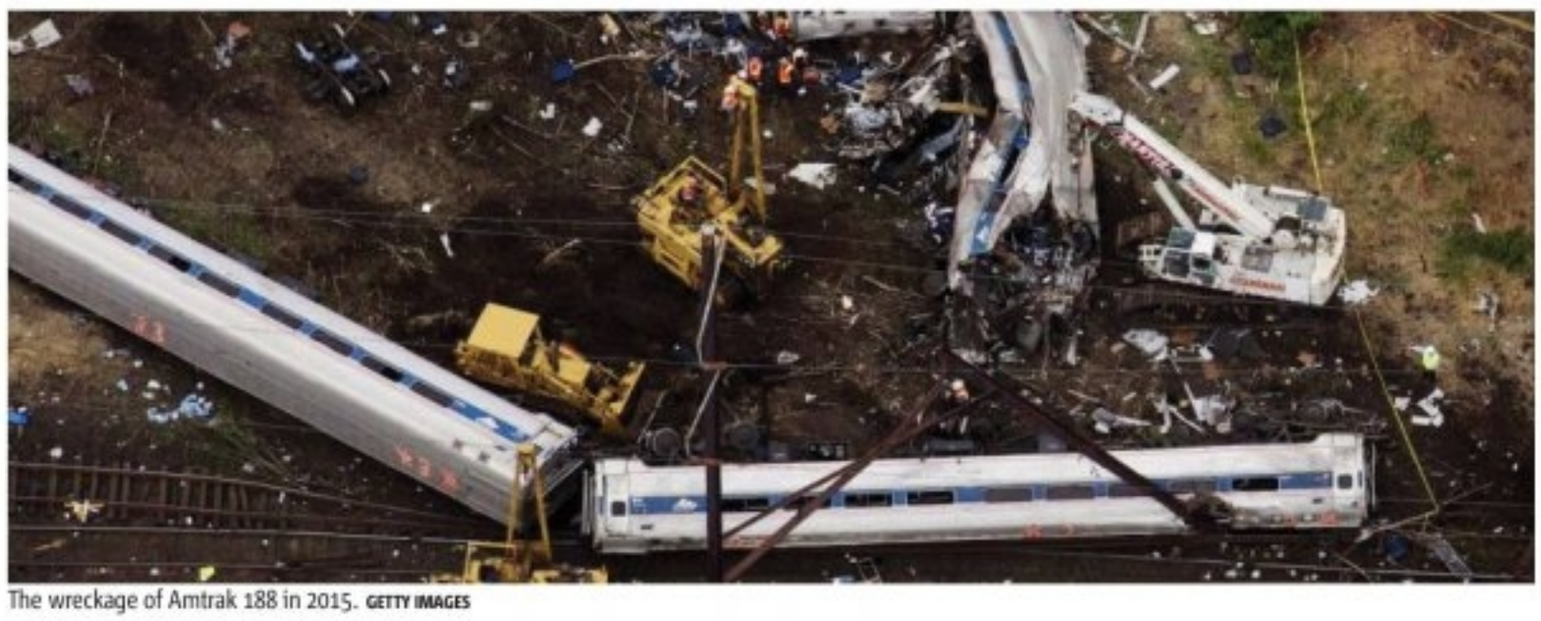
The wreckage of Amtrak 188 in 2015. GETTY IMAGES

The case next moves to a preliminary hearing.

A Philadelphia judge on Tuesday ruled that the engineer at the throttle of an Amtrak train during a deadly derailment in 2015 must face criminal charges, overturning another judge who had dismissed them, prosecutors said.

Judge Kathryn Streeter Lewis reinstated charges, including involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment, against the engineer, Brandon Bostian, after finding that the previous decision was wrong, prosecutors said.

The passenger train was traveling from Washington to New York on May 13, 2015, when it flew off the rails at more than 100 mph, double the posted speed limit, while rounding a curve in Philly.

A National Transportation Safety Board investigation concluded that Bostian, who tested negative for alcohol and drugs, likely became distracted by radio chatter that a nearby train had been hit by a thrown rock.

A second Philadelphia judge, Thomas Gehret, threw out criminal charges against Bostian last September, finding that the evidence suggested the crash that killed eight people and injured more than 200 was an accident.

Even though the Philadelphia district attorney's office had dropped the matter, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro appealed a month later, leading to Tuesday's ruling.

"This is an important step in the legal process of this case," Shapiro said in a statement. "We will seek justice for every victim of the Amtrak train crash."

Tuesday's ruling would help bring closure to the families of those who were killed, said Thomas Kline, an attorney who filed a complaint on behalf of the family of crash victim Rachel Jacobs. That action became the basis of the attorney general's complaint. REUTERS

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania fiscal position improved, governor wants corporate tax cut

Gov. Tom Wolf, who faces re-election this year, presented on Tuesday a $32.9 billion budget for fiscal 2019 that called for a single tax increase on natural gas extraction, a proposal he has failed to win for the past three years.

Wolf, a Democrat, battled the Republican-led legislature for three years over tax and spending issues which led to extensive delays in implementing a final budget, putting the state's credit rating in jeopardy.

Last year, Wolf signed the budget in July but a revenue package to fund it was not approved until October. This year, his budget seeks to increase spending 3.1 percent or $969.8 million.

Budget director Randy Albright told reporters: "We are in the best fiscal position since the Great Recession a decade ago." Albright said tax collections through January are $90 million ahead of projections.

In the latest budget, Wolf once again proposed a tax on natural gas extraction that he said would yield $248.7 million to pay for education spending of $225 million.

"Pennsylvania is one of the few states fortunate enough to have abundant natural gas resources," he said in his budget address.

"Yet we are the only one of those states without a severance tax. Everywhere else — Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alaska — they're bringing in billions of dollars from the oil and gas industries." REUTERS

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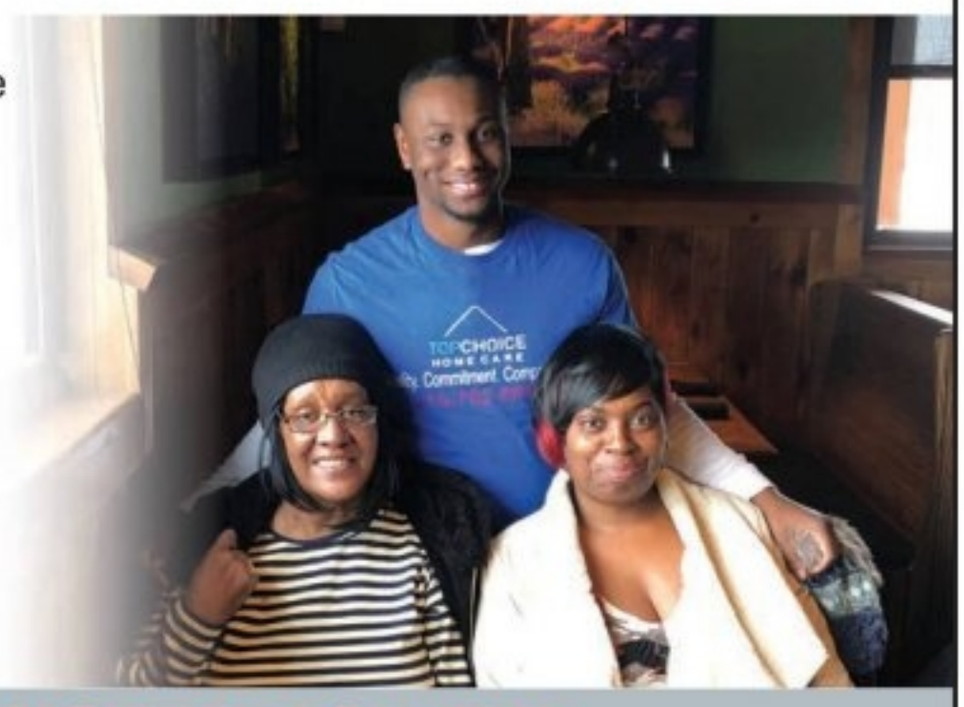

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Weather Service's tsunami warning leads to confusion

The warning did not clarify that it was a test.

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People across the country woke up Tuesday to a tsunami warning from the National Weather Service, but the federal agency says there is no such threat, it was simply a test.

The alert popped up as a phone notification for many mainly on the East Coast through weather apps like Accuweather. "Severe Weather Alert," the notification read, "Tsunami Warning in effect for [Location]. Source: U.S. National Weather Service."

People reported receiving the alerts in New York, Massachusetts, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and other states.

The warning sparked concern, prompting National Weather Service branches across the country to clarify on Twitter that there is no tsunami warning, and it was a test conducted early Tuesday morning.

"These kinds of false alarms make it very difficult to communicate credibly in the event of an actual emergency."

Dr. Irwin Redlener

The initial notification that popped up on phones did not have the word "test," according to screenshots.

But if the user clicked to the full message, in some cases, the alert said, "This message is for test purposes only. This is a test to determine transmission times involved in the dissemination of tsunami information."

That distinction was not enough for people who said the notification sent them into a panic.

Frank Nocera, a meteorologists with the National Weather Service Boston office, said that the message originated from the Tsunami Warning Center in Alaska, and the National Weather Service offices across the country just rebroadcast that message.

"It got coded wrong and it was just a test," he said. "Every so often we do test messages to make sure they get transmitted properly."

When asked if these false messages are a concern or make it more difficult to relay real information, Nocera said that sometimes, simply, mistakes happen — but test warnings are still an important tool.

"Technology is great but sometimes things get coded improperly," he said. "We have to do these test messages, it's important to make sure all our communication systems are working properly. Maybe it's a good thing it was caught during a test, not during a real situation."

These errors shouldn't be tolerated at all though, said Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, and this instance shows a need for a "thorough review" of all warning systems.

"These kinds of false alarms make it very difficult to communicate credibly in the event of an actual emergency," he said. "A zero tolerance for errors has to be the goal here, because when the real things happen, to the extent that we have skepticism in the public because of a history of false alarms, that's extremely dangerous."

A tsunami warning was sent to phones across the country but it was just a test, officials said. GETTY IMAGES

Gronk's home burglarized; safes, guns maybe stolen

The break-in occurred while the Pats star was on the road with his team.

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Gronkowski and the rest of the Patriots left for Minneapolis on Jan. 29 and did not return to Massachusetts until Monday evening around 5 p.m. GETTY IMAGES

Police are investigating a break-in that occurred at the home of New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski.

"I just want to confirm the reports that Mr. Gronkowski was the victim of a residential burglary last night," Foxborough Police Chief William D. Baker said Tuesday morning.

Though Baker offered little detail, he said the call about the burglary was received around 6:18 p.m. Monday and that Gronkowski was not home at the time of the break-in.

It is believed the burglary occurred while Gronkowski was playing in Sunday night's Super Bowl LII against the Philadelphia Eagles in Minnesota and that "multiple safes and possible guns" were taken from the home, according to a police audio recording obtained by Boston 25 News.

Gronkowski and the rest of the Patriots left for Minneapolis on Jan. 29 and did not return until Monday at around 5 p.m., the station reported.

Baker did say that no other burglaries have been reported in the neighborhood.

"We hope to comment more on this case when we bring somebody to justice for having committed this burglary," he said.

"It's a tough combination to have suffered this unfortunate loss and then to get home and be a victim of this kind of crime," Baker added.

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Domhnall Gleeson cuddles up to James Corden's Peter Rabbit. SONY PICTURES

How do you modernize 'Peter Rabbit'? You don't

Will Gluck and Domhnall Gleeson on the timelessness of Beatrix Potter's classic tale.

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It was always going to be a tricky process bringing "Peter Rabbit" to the big screen for a modern audience.

Not only did the character make his debut over 115 years ago, but social media is always quick to attack a film that even slightly deviates from its source material, something that co-writer and director Will Gluck was always going to have to do.

But rather than trying to modernize the beloved characters or stories, Gluck admits that for the film — out Friday, Feb. 9 — he opted to embrace the timelessness of Beatrix Potter's work.

"Instead of modernizing it, I just wanted to try and bring it to life," Gluck says over the phone. "So that was our dictum. We always wanted to make sure that everything the animals did made sense. They weren't just wacky for wacky's sake."

He continues, "I know it sounds crazy, but we just tried to ground every moment in our reality. Saying that out loud does sound silly because obviously our rabbits are wearing jackets. But after about 10 minutes you kind of forget that they are rabbits wearing jackets."

Domhnall Gleeson, who stars in the film as Peter Rabbit's enemy, Mr. McGregor, confesses that the film's use of "slapstick and big physical comedy is not the first thing you think of when it comes of Peter Rabbit.

"This is live-action, and the books aren't," he says. "I think the big thing was not just making kids happy, but really making them laugh. That was an amazing thing when I saw it, because I was still concerned. But to me, from my point of view, that makes it worth it. If other people have their issues with it, then I understand. But we've achieved what we set out to."

"Peter Rabbit" making such an impact wasn't always so apparent, though. Gleeson admits that his agent originally warned him, "We have to be careful. There's a lot that could go wrong with a film like this." But after being immensely impressed by the script, the Irish actor quickly concluded "it would be stupid of me not to do it."

To get the film perfectly balanced, the writers, producers and director worked closely alongside the Beatrix Potter estate, doing extensive research to lay the groundwork.

But even the looming presence of Potter and her immense popularity didn't overly change Gluck's approach. "I only know how to make movies one way," he says. "My way. With my humor or my tone. I didn't approach this as a children's movie or a family movie."

Will Gluck and Domhnall Gleeson
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It also helped that the cast were such huge fans. Gluck admits that they were integral in finding the right tone and humor.

"A lot of the stuff I drew inspiration from was James Corden and Daisy Ridley and Margot Robbie and Elizabeth Debicki, who, like myself, all grew up on these books," he says. "All of us were figuring out what made sense. It was very fun being collaborative."

For Gleeson, though, there was just the one main goal with "Peter Rabbit."

"It was a chance to make kids happy and to make kids laugh," he adds. "I certainly hadn't done that before. And the thought of doing that was a big thrill for me."

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Daniel Zovatto thinks Trump's ascendance is a good thing

Chatting with the "Here and Now" actor about the new HBO series and his secret talent.

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Daniel Zovatto stars as Ramon in the overwhelmingly current series. HBO

"Here and Now," Alan Ball's latest family dramedy, is very much an ensemble piece in every sense of the word. The series focuses on the Bayer-Boatwright family (with Holly Hunter and Tim Robbins at the helm) and their sprawl of adopted children from different countries — plus one self-admittedly "painfully white" biological daughter. If Angelina Jolie is coming to mind, you're on the right track. But through it all, Daniel Zovatto's Ramon is smack dab in the center, with his visions (or is it hallucinations?) driving the family's most pressing crisis.

And he has more in common with his character than you think.

Much like Ramon, the 26-year-old actor oozes a slight other-worldliness over the phone. And they share similar experiences, too. Case in point? In one scene in the first episode, Ramon's siblings — one black, one Asian — complain that their little brother was treated better by their parents because he passed for white. Which Zovatto knows all too well.

"When I started off, people knew that I was from Costa Rica. And I was going into all these auditions for Latino characters and a lot of the feedback was, 'He's good but he doesn't look Latino,'" he says.

"It's something that I've lived with my whole life, people not thinking that I speak Spanish because of the way that I look. [They're like,] 'How come you're not brown and short?'"

Not many shows have had the audacity to take on passing so directly — especially within the first 15 minutes of the first episode — but Zovatto is hopeful about that, and the show's message in general. "It kinda opens the door to people acknowledging that stereotypes are not good," he muses.

"Here and Now" does quite a bit of work on that front, tackling all facets of Trump's America with equal, overwhelming aplomb: casual racism, white supremacy, violent pro-life activists and much, much more.

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"I feel like this show is perfect for the time because it talks about all the things that we don't really want to be talking about," Zovatto says. "I think —" he starts laughing, perhaps conscious of the temerity it takes to say — "that Trump is a good thing." Say what now?

He quickly clarifies. "He's bringing [out] all these conversations that have been subdued for so many years. Trump is a product of basically what's going on in the world, if anything."

This world being, according to Zovatto, one where we've distanced from ourselves from each other thanks to social media and reality television. "Our society is more focused on reality TV shows and talking about stuff that really doesn't matter," he says. "To be part of a show that brings these conversations to the table, it's valuable and very needed. And it feels good."

Another thing that makes the young actor feel good? His art. When I ask about his paintings, he demurs. "Paying attention to what's going on with you and expressing yourself is important," he says. "Some people go to the gym and lift weights and look at themselves and are like, 'F—k dude, I look good!'

"But for me, [painting] just gives me a peace of mind," he says. "I think that's a beautiful thing."

"Here and Now" premieres on HBO on Sunday, Feb. 11.

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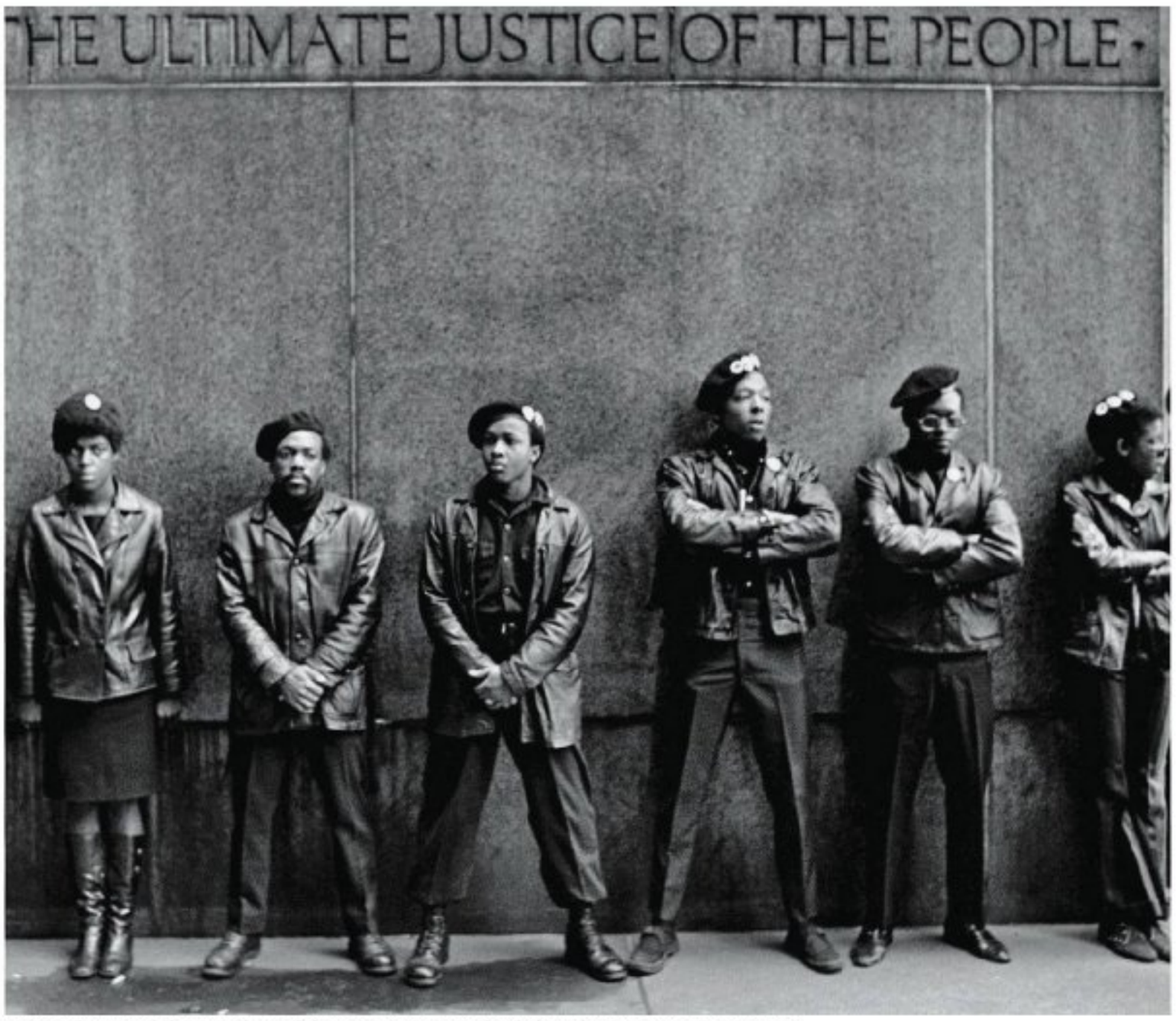

Iron Age Theatre and Theatre in the X collaboration gives voice to the Black Panther Party movement. PROVIDED

7 Can't-miss events for Black History Month

Vibrant theater, music and the arts combine to create a legacy.

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Philadelphia has a knack for making history, and that's especially true when it comes to black history. Its community of brilliant artists, speakers, performers and musicians will share integral stories and perspectives of black culture throughout February and beyond. We've cultivated a list of events in the city, shining light on must-see shows, exhibits and screenings.

Black History Month Film Screening: "Disney's Ruby Bridges"
Feb. 10; 3 p.m.
Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library
125 S. 52nd St.
freelibrary.org
Ruby Bridges was one of the first African-American children to attend the previously segregated all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis in 1960. Bridges' story is highly revered, and she has been a significant name in civil rights activism. The Disney documentary debuted in 1998.

"Sittin' In" will celebrate its sixth year at the Kimmel Center. M. KENNEDY FOR VISIT PHILLY

"Henry Box Brown: A Hip Hop Musical"
Feb. 8-18
Bonnell Auditorium at Community College of Philadelphia
556 N. 17th St.
henryboxbrownmusical.com
Henry "Box" Brown spent 27 hours folded into a wooden box and mailed himself from slavery in Virginia to freedom in Philadelphia. In this hip-hop musical, Grammy Award nominee Karl "Dice Raw" Jenkins, best known for his collaboration with the Roots, introduces us to Box and tells a different kind of slave narrative.

The Black Panther Project: A Living Oral History
Feb. 10-11
Community Education Center
3500 Lancaster Ave.
theatreinthex.com
Iron Age Theatre and Theatre in the X collaborate to give voice to the Black Panther Party movement. Oral histories and music of the Black Panthers from a ground-level perspective tell many of the unheard and often misunderstood stories of the Panther efforts for racial and social justice.

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edented overview of a century (1912–2016) of image production by black artists and publishers, and non-black artists and publishers who focus on the black experience. The exhibition combines historical material with contemporary art that explores the creative and strategic use of printed media, including small-run magazines, novels, posters, comic books and fine-art prints that challenge racial narratives and preconceived notions of the black experience.

"Stoop Daze"
Feb. 23-25
March 2-4
The Klein Theatre at The Church of the Advocate
2121 Gratz St.
arden-blair.com
"Stoop Daze" focuses on Philadelphia natives tackling the struggles of relationships, school, self-confidence, conception, and the fear of failure.

Although weary from witnessing the unjust treatment of innocent African-Americans, they face these challenges head-on as they prepare to take action in the form of a protest. Yet when tragedy hits home, their faith is questioned.

Taking A Stand For Equality: Octavius V. Catto
Through March 31
Philadelphia History Museum
15 S. 7th St.
philadelphiahistory.org
"Taking a Stand for Equality" highlights Octavius V. Catto's legacy of activism for equal access to education, public transportation, voting rights, and full citizenship. Catto, who was assassinated in 1871—a move meant to intimidate black voters—continued to inspire for the black community in Philadelphia. The exhibition will feature artifacts from Philadelphia's historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, where Catto served on the vestry, in addition to a variety of documents and images recording Catto's life and service from the Philadelphia City Archives, Historical Society of Pennsylvania and more.

"Sittin In"
Wed., Feb. 4
8 p.m.
The Kimmel Center
300 S. Broad St.
kimmelcenter.org
Anthony Tidd, Sonny James of Ill Vibe Collective, Stacey Wilson and more will grace the stage in this year's "Sittin' In" performance at the Kimmel Center. The annual show, celebrating its sixth year, is a huge jam session and introduces audiences to cutting-edge artists that defy genres, drawing from everything from straight-ahead jazz to freestyle hip-hop.

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Longest-tenured Eagle Celek could retire

Is it time for the Birds veteran to walk off into the sunset?

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Tight end Brent Celek is more of an elder statesman for the Eagles.

Drafted by Philadelphia back in 2007, Celek broke through as the team's top tight end with eight touchdowns and nearly 1,000 yards in 2009. But the emergence of Zach Ertz has pushed Celek into a backup role — he had just 10 catches for 130 yards this past season. Still, he's the longest-tenured player on Philly's roster and has a unique view of what the team's Super Bowl title Sunday really means to his adopted hometown.

"It's surreal," Celek said after beating the Patriots 41-33, "especially in Philly. People that played in Philly and know our fans understand what it means to these people. I know what it means to them and, man, it's legendary to Philly I love it."

Celek knew early on that Philadelphia was unlike other NFL cities. And he embraced it, making the Eagles the only team he's played for over a 12-year NFL career. He even took a pay cut as part of an extension that could have him in the city through the end of the 2018 season.

"[I knew] the first week," the 33-year-old said "You can tell just walking around the city how much they love the players, how much they want us to win, how bad they wanted to win a championship. This city has never had a Super Bowl, now they do, now they do."

With Super Bowl champion now tattooed to his NFL legacy forever, Celek could be cut next season with just a $1 million cap hit and $5 million in savings for a team looking to stay in the Super Bowl mix next year. Which begs the obvious question, will Celek instead decide to retire and go out on top?

"It's the icing on the cake, we'll see," Celek said. "I'm not saying one way or the other what the deal is."

His answer seems to imply he's considering walking away, and as he approaches his mid-30s — playing a game known for taking a toll on players — the time might be right. Or perhaps he'll be gently nudged out by the Eagles front office in the cutthroat world that is the NFL.

He's expected to make his decision relatively soon.

Eagles veteran tight end Brent Celek finally won a Super Bowl with the team he's been with since 2007. But was this his final year in Philadelphia? GETTY IMAGES

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On the extreme-sports scene, Chloe Kim has been a staple over the past four years.

As a 13-year-old, she won silver in the SuperPipe at the X Games in Aspen, Colorado. She then took gold the following three years, becoming the only athlete in X Games history to win three gold medals before the age of 16, as she was tabbed as "the future of women's halfpipe riding."

The future looks to be now, as Kim has broken onto the national scene in the past two years as she was in contention for ESPN's Breakout Female Athlete of the Year award in 2016.

That same year, she took gold at the Youth Olympics in Lillehammer in the halfpipe and slopestyle competitions.

Her overwhelming success prompted Time magazine to name her to its "Most Influential Teens of the Year" list three years running.

Kim will compete in the halfpipe competition, which begins Feb. 12. JOE PANTORNO

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Minutes after the Eagles won their first-ever Super Bowl (41-33 over the hated Patriots), thousands of fans braved the cold (as cold as -4 degrees) and started an epic party in the Bold North of Minneapolis.

"I've been waiting for this s— all my life," T.J. a dentist from Delaware said. "I am ready to go climb a pole in Minnesota. They're not as smart as us Philadelphia fans, they don't grease 'em. I am going to climb whatever pole is near that godd—n stadium. I will make it happen."

No, T.J. did not wind up climbing a light pole in Minneapolis — it was probably way too cold. But bars up and down Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis were jam-packed with Eagles fans, chanting the Eagles fight song with great repetition

David Wietlisbach, hailing from Wayne, was at the game in U.S. Bank Stadium and recounted the experience after.

"It was different but unreal," Wietlisbach said. "There was not a lot of throwing snowballs at other fans or talking s—. But it was worth every single penny. I drove 13 hours here and it was worth it. I would do it again in a heart beat."

Astronomically expensive, but priceless seems to be the sentiment shared by nearly everyone at the game who wasn't an Eagles fan (such as an unlucky pair of newly engaged Patriots fans who drank away their sorrow). Eagles fans were struggling to wrap their heads around the incredible experience they all shared and would never forget.

"It's fantastic, It's a dream come true," John Trone from Hanover said. "I put something in my bucket for my bucket list, it's done. We flew to Des Moines and drove here because it was so expensive to fly. We got tickets on StubHub it was about $9,600 for a pair of them."

Perhaps Temple student John Renzi put it best, stopping mid celebration to tell Metro: "This is one of the best days of my life for sure. The city of Philadelphia has been waiting for a championship for years. It means a lot to the city."

3 trades Sixers should try to make

The Sixers are expected to be active participants at the trade deadline this week.

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The Sixers (25-25) have reached a very crucial point of their season. Every game matters the rest of the way and has a high impact on their playoff chances.

Currently the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference, there is little room for error. At 26-26, the Detroit Pistons are breathing down their neck and just acquired five-time All-Star Blake Griffin from the Clippers via trade.

It's no secret that the Sixers could use some depth and scoring in their backcourt, and with the NBA trade deadline quickly approaching on Thursday, they should surely think about testing the waters. Here are three trades Bryan Colangelo could pull the trigger on in the coming days.

1. A FUTURE PROTECTED 1ST-ROUND PICK TO MEMPHIS FOR TYREKE EVANS

Memphis has made it known that they want a first-round pick in return for Evans. If the Sixers can heavily protect the pick they send over, there's no reason not to do this deal.

Evans, a Chester native, is having arguably his best season as a pro. He's averaging 19.5 points, five assists and five rebounds per game, while shooting a career-best 39.2 percent from deep.

This would take much of the pressure off of Markelle Fultz's return and give the Sixers exactly what they were hoping to get out of Fultz in the meantime. If the Sixers are serious about making a playoff push, this is the type of deal to get them there.

2. TREVOR BOOKER AND TWO FUTURE SECOND-ROUND PICKS TO MILWAUKEE FOR TONY SNELL

Snell is the perfect "3-and-D" type player the Philly needs on the perimeter right now.

He's shooting a career-high 41.9 percent from deep this season and has shown throughout his career to be a pesky defender.

This price tag would be ideal to acquire a player like Snell. You're only giving up an expiring contract in Booker and a couple second-round picks, which you have plenty of. He'd fit in great as a backup for J.J. Redick or Robert Covington on the wing.

3. JUSTIN ANDERSON TO ORLANDO FOR MARIO HEZONJA

Orlando, did you need to get rid of a young, underperforming first-round pick from 2015? Well, the Sixers have a similar player they would like to get off their hands, that happens to play the same position.

Both Anderson and Hezonja have not inspired much hope in their NBA careers. Hezonja, a former No. 5 pick for the Magic in 2015, would be a great buy-low candidate however for the Sixers.

Hezonja and the Sixers' Dario Saric were teammates growing up in Croatia. Maybe they could rekindle some of the success they shared together again in Philadelphia.

Hezonja is averaging just 7.5 points while shooting 35.5 percent from three in 18.1 minutes per game this season. But the low cost is there and if he can channel what made him a lottery pick again, the Sixers could just get themselves a steal.

Tyreke Evans (left), Tony Snell (middle) and Mario Hezonja (right) are three possible trade targets for the 76ers before the trade deadline. GETTY IMAGES

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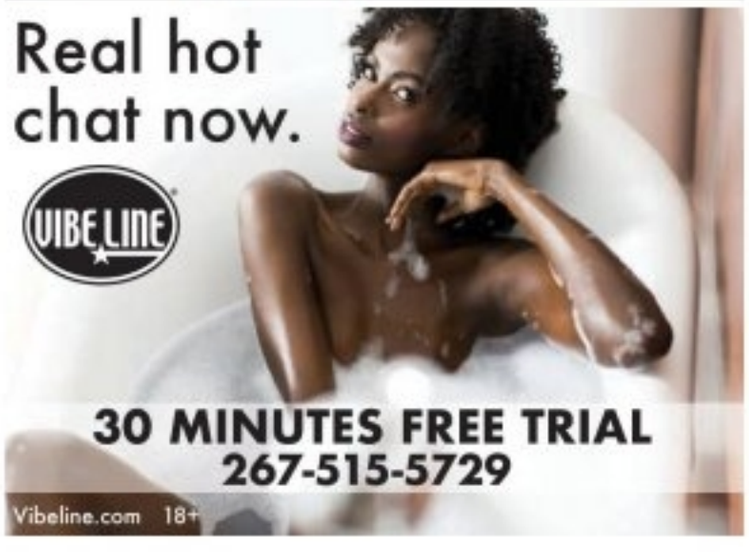

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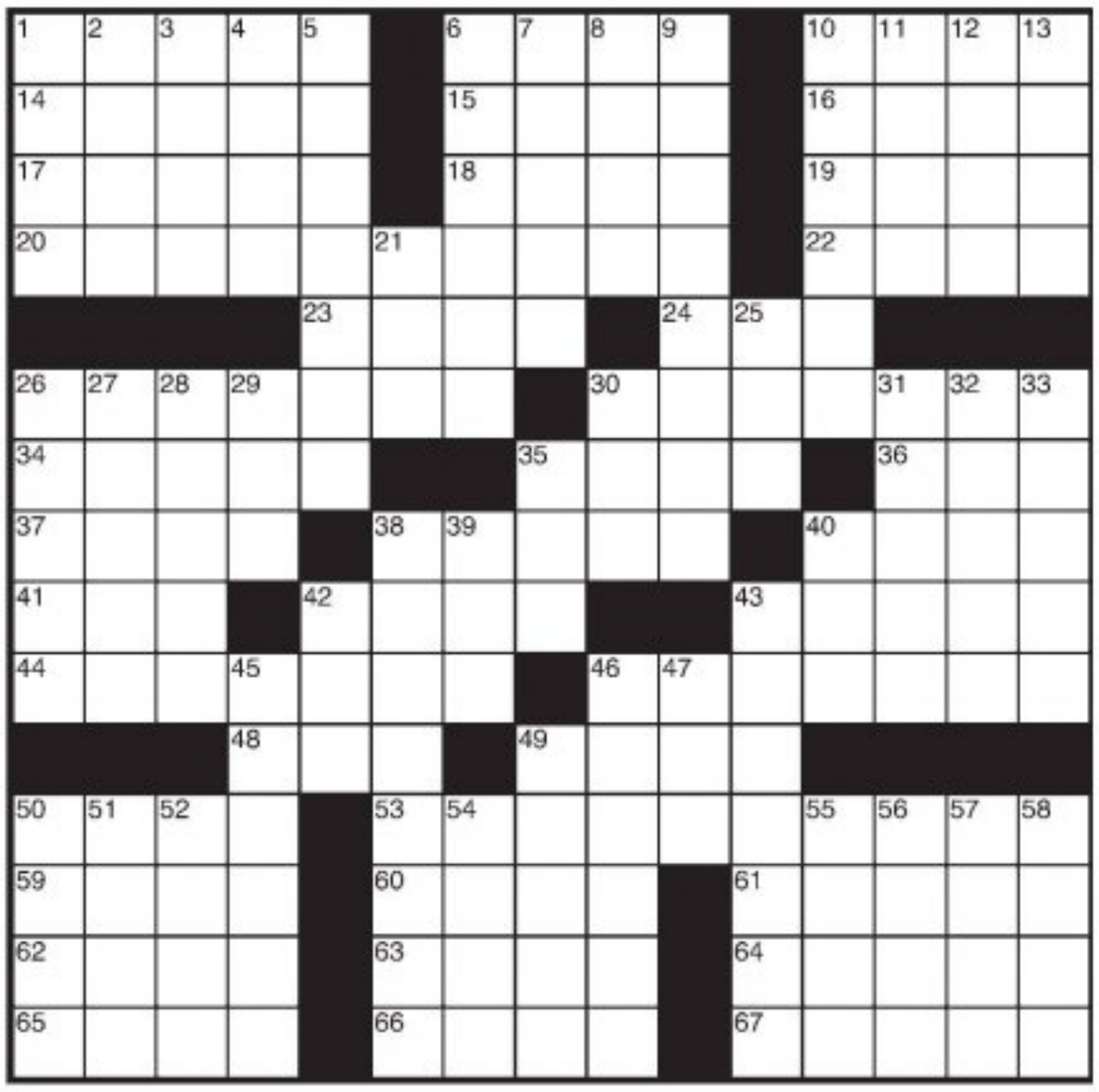

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Libra Don't take on too much or indulge in practices that aren't in your best interest. Be introspective and seek out the best way to improve mentally, physically and financially.

Scorpio Mixed emotions will lead to trouble. Don't expect others to agree with you. Check your motives and make sure revenge isn't a factor. Focus on success, not on retaliation.

Sagittarius Don't divulge secret information about someone else, or you will be accused of meddling in other people's affairs. A situation with a friend or relative will escalate quickly.

Capricorn Walk away from individuals who are excessive or try to coerce you into something that isn't in your best interest. Protect your personal information and reputation.

Aquarius Stick close to home and protect what's important to you. Don't go overboard with purchases. If you can't find a bargain, don't open your wallet. Reject temptation.

Pisces Don't overreact or take on burdens that will weigh you down and hold you back. Choose your battles carefully. Protect your assets, possessions and health. EUGENIA LAST

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